1996 (alternate delegate, 1992). Past vice-president, Maryland Federation of Republican Women. Past president, Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women; past president, Potomac Women's Republican Club. Member, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. Member, area citizens associations, Chambers of Commerce. Married: three children.



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Joint Protocol Committee, 1991-; Spending Affordability Committee, 1995-. Member, Special Joint Committee on Economic Development Strategy, 1989 (chair, services advisory subcommittee); Joint Committee on Education Funding, 1990; Joint Legislative Work Group on Community College Financing, 1994-95; Joint Committee on State Economic Development Initiatives, 1995; Special Joint Task Force on Transportation, 1995. Majority Whip, 1995-99. Member, Joint Committee on the Selection of the State Treasurer, 1996. Chair, Montgomery County Senate Delegation, 1989-. President, Women Legislators of Maryland, 1982-84. Convention chair, National Order of Women Legislators, 1980. Member, Assembly on the Legislatures, National Conference of State Legislatures.

Member, House of Delegates, 1975-87. Member, Economic Matters Committee, 1975-82; Ways and Means Committee, 1982-86. Chair, Montgomery County Delegation, 1981-87 (vice-chair, 1978-81). Member, Ad Hoc Committee to Study Status of Women, Montgomery County. Member, Committee on Suggested State Legislation and Task Force on Growth and Transportation, Council of State Governments; Child Support Enforcement Advisory Council, 1983-86; Governor's Motor Carrier Task Force for Safety and Uniformity, 1989; Sound Barrier Review Panel, 1995-96; Commission on the Future of Maryland Courts, 1995-97; Task Force to Study the Effects of Cult Activities on Public Senior Higher Education Institutions, 1999; Study Panel to Review Economic Development Financing Programs, 1999; Commission on Transportation Investment, 1999; Statewide 800-MHz Communications System Oversight Committee, 1999; Transit Policy Panel, 2000; Special Task Force for Transit-Oriented Development, 2000-2001; Virginia-Maryland Joint Commission on Regional Transportation, 2000-.

Born and attended public schools in Washington, DC. Past president, international board member, treasurer, vice-president, B'nai B'rith Women. Past commissioner, National Anti-Defamation League (national advisory committee). Maryland Democratic Party Ethics Committee. Democratic precinct chair, 1967-74. Delegate, Democratic Party National Convention, 1992, 1996, 2000. Member, Democratic clubs. Active in all national, State and local election campaigns since 1963. Award, Centers for the Handicapped, 1987, 1991. "Best of" award for most effective public official, Silver Spring Record, 1990. Woman of Valor award, B'nai B'rith Women, 1992. Named one of 100 most powerful women in DC metropolitan area, Washington Magazine, 1994. Maryland's Top 100 Women, Daily Record, 2001. Married; four sons.